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Dear Ms. Eide:

May I encourage you to consider placing Butrans patches in the preferred agent category in the arena of long acting pain medication.

Butrans is an effective addition where the patient has suffered with breakthrough pain at night on short acting agents, or as a substitute for Tramadol where the side effects are unacceptable or where the risk of a seizure is great.

Butrans may reduce the escalation to higher doses of short acting narcotics because it would provide a consistent level of pain control without the untoward side effect of drug cravings that occur in the gaps between doses when using short acting medication.

Lastly, it's easy titration ability and opportunity to transfer from Tramadol and low doses of Tylenol w/ Codeine make it a favorable alternative when treating chronic pain.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Laurence V. Hicks, D.O.